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Daily Readings from the Bible

SEPTEMBER

Morning Readings.

Evening Readings.

30. I Timothy, 1:1-2:7 Ezekiel, 26:7-27:11

OCTOBER

1. I Timothy, 2:8-4:5	Ezekiel, 27:12-36
2. " 4:6-5:25	" 28:1-24
3. " 6:1-21	" 28:25-29:16
4. Psalms, 90, 91	" 29:17-30:19
5. " 92, 93	" 30:20-31:14
6. " 94, 95	" 31:15-32:21

Church News

MEETINGS OF SYNOD FOR 1916.

Alabama—Dothan, Tuesday, November 14th, 7:30 P. M.
Appalachia—Knoxville, First church, Tuesday, October 10th.
Arkansas—Fordyce, Tuesday, November 14th, 7:30 P. M.
Florida—Riverside church, Jacksonville, Tuesday, November 14th, 7:30 P. M.
Georgia—Dalton, Tuesday, November 14th, 7:30 P. M.
Kentucky—Greenville, Tuesday, October 10th, 7:30 P. M.
Louisiana—New Orleans, Claiborne Avenue church, Tuesday, November 21st, 7:30 P. M.
Mississippi—Canton, Tuesday, November 21st, 7:30 P. M.
Missouri—School of Ozarks, Holister, Tuesday, October 31st.
North Carolina—Salisbury, Tuesday, October 24th, 11:00 A. M.
Oklahoma—Apache, Tuesday, October 24th, 7:30 P. M.
South Carolina—Greenwood, Tuesday, October 17th, 8:00 P. M.
Tennessee—Fayetteville, Tuesday, October 10th, 8:00 P. M.
Texas—Bryan, Tuesday, October 10th, 7:30 P. M.
Virginia—Lexington, Tuesday, October 24th, 8:00 P. M.
West Virginia—Sutton, Tuesday, October 10th, 7:30 P. M.

VIRGINIA.

The Synod of Virginia will meet in its one hundred and twenty-ninth annual session in Lexington, Va., on Tuesday, October 24, 1916, at 8 P. M. The moderator, Rev. James R. Graham, D. D., having returned to mission work in China, the preceding moderator, the Rev. F. T. McFaden, D. D., will preside at the opening session. By his request, the Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., will preach the opening sermon.

James P. Smith,
Stated Clerk.

Richmond: At the invitation of the Richmond Advertisers' Club represen-

tatives of a large number of the churches of this city met last Friday night. The object of the meeting was to consider the question of starting a great campaign for advertising church attendance. It is proposed to raise a fund of at least \$10,000 to be used for this purpose. The advertising will be done through the newspapers, on bill boards, by hand bills and in other ways that may seem to be suitable. A committee was appointed to take the necessary steps to put the plan into operation as soon as possible. The feeling on the part of those present seemed to be that of one of the leading business men of the city, who said: "This will be the best thing ever undertaken for this city and for the churches."

Union Theological Seminary: The first meeting of the Literary Society was one of very great interest. The exercises consisted of a symposium on Reading, participated in by four of the students and three of the professors. Mr. Hugh Robertson, one of the Hoge Fellows, spoke first of the Value of Reading; Dr. Mack, of Magazines and Other Periodical Literature—What to Read and How to Read; Mr. C. K. Taffe, one of the Hoge Fellows, of What the Average Person Reads; Mr. Z. V. Roberson, a member of the senior class, of What the Average Young Person Reads; Mr. C. L. King, of the middle class and also one of the assistant librarians and, therefore, having access to the record of books used from the library, of What the Students of the Seminary Read Last Year; Dr. Lingle, of How to Improve Our Reading, and Dr. Moore, of Books That Have Helped Me and May Help You. The meeting was largely attended by members of the society and by the reading people of the community. The exercises were very informing and helpful to all who were present, and had special value for the new students, who were, for the first time in a seminary, planning their reading for the year.

Richmond, Porter Street: A new kind of Every Member Canvass was held Sunday afternoon, September 24th, in this church—it was new at least for Porter Street church. It was not a canvass for money, but for the enlistment of life in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Plans for the canvass had been made in the early summer and it only remained to put them into execution. The members of each class in the Sunday-school were asked to look up all absent members and to call upon prospective persons. Likewise the members of the other organizations of the church made visits in the congregation and community, lists of persons to be visited having been provided ahead of time. Though Rally Day in the Sunday-school came the next Sunday and special invitations were given to attend it, yet the canvass was really an effort to rally the "whole forces of the whole church" for an early resumption of its activities. In order to facilitate the plan of securing results and of gaining new members, specially prepared cards were used containing the following information. Many of these cards were signed at the morning service when a sermon appropriate for the occasion was preached by the pastor on "The Glory of Self-Sacrifice."

Ararat: Rev. George W. Lee, of Winston-Salem, N. C., recently preached for us a week at Kibler, at which time four new members were received by profession. Rev. B. F. Bedinger, our Presbyterian evangelist, has also been in this field for over three weeks, preaching at Red Bank, Clarks, Kibler and once at Cross Roads. His strong and convincing sermons and his contact with the people have been a great help to this work in general. Six new members

were added by profession, a new church has been organized at Red Bank, and plans are being made for the erection of a church building in the near future.

East Hanover Presbytery met last week at Lawrenceville. In consequence of the large number of other Presbyteries reported in this issue, we shall have to wait until next week to give a full report of its proceedings.

Samuel Davies Church: A commission of East Hanover Presbytery visited this church last Sunday and installed Rev. H. V. Carson as pastor. The service was held in the Bethlehem church, one of the three buildings belonging to this church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil; Rev. Dr. F. T. McFaden delivered the charge to the church, and Rev. E. O. Buchholz delivered the charge to the pastor. There was a very large congregation present.

The Young Woman's Christian Association is holding its South Atlantic Conference in this city. The sessions are being held in the Second Presbyterian church. They began on last Friday and continued through Wednesday. Among the speakers were Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, who spoke Sunday night; Rev. Dr. W. L. Lingle made several addresses on the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith; Rev. W. R. Bowie, of the Episcopal Church, conducted the Bible Study each day; Miss Harriet Taylor made several addresses; Miss Louise Holmquist addressed a mass meeting for women and girls on Sunday afternoon.

Holmes Church, Bay View: This church has recently been favored by a visit from Rev. A. S. Venable, who was a former pastor of the church and served it for twelve years. While here he assisted the pastor in a series of evangelistic meetings, running from September 27th to October 3rd.

Brother Venable's preaching was of a high order, and was greatly enjoyed, as attested by the congregations of eager hearers that gathered night after night to hear him. While there were no visible results, we feel that the meeting has been a blessing to the church. Christians have been built up and strengthened, and we believe the earnest messages will yet bear fruit in this ingathering of souls.

W. C. F.

Greenfield: We have just closed a series of evangelistic services at the Lovington Presbyterian church. Rev. W. J. King, of Hampden-Sidney, did the preaching. He preached the heart of the gospel with unusual power and freshness, and held the attention of his congregations from beginning to end. The congregations were large. Great interest was shown. Two young ladies were received by letter from a sister denomination into the membership of the church. We feel that God is with us and He is greatly blessing the work.

J. P. Proffitt, Pastor.

Synod's Orphans' Home: The fiscal year of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Lynchburg, Va., closed September 30th, but by request of several of the churches they have decided to keep open their books until Tuesday, October 17th. This Home is very much in need of funds. The expenses for the year at this writing have not been paid by over \$1,000.00. It is earnestly hoped that our friends will rally to our help before the 17th, and help us to be able to close the year without indebtedness. If you or your church have any funds for this cause, please send them quickly.

C. R. Warthen,
Superintendent and Treasurer.

Haymarket: Beginning with an "All-Day" Sunday-school Convention, with dinner on the ground for everybody, Rev. W. R. McElroy recently held a ten-days' series of evangelistic services at Haymarket in his new

gospel tent, which easily holds five hundred and may accommodate two hundred more. There was a full attendance at the convention, and throughout the whole meeting the tent was well filled, and on Sundays crowded. The Episcopal church is dominant there with several hundred members, while our membership is small. The rector, with a good share of his people, as well as Baptists and Methodists, participated heartily in this meeting. There were a few accessions to our membership, one being a well-known captain in the Southern army. Others announced their intention of joining when a pastor is secured, one of whom expressed his desire for a Presbyterian house of worship and promising about half enough to build it. Our people now rent the Baptist building. This church is grouped with Marshall and Haymarket, all on the railroad and not far apart. Nearly all of these three small churches have, after a visit from the Presbyterian evangelist, increased their subscriptions recently. The salary will be about \$900 and manse.

These churches are ready and anxious to call a pastor at once. Address William Baker, Marshall, Va., or Rev. W. R. McElroy, University, Va.

W. R. M.

Lexington: Sunday morning, September 24th, our pulpit was occupied by Rev. Harry Waddell Pratt, of Abbeville, S. C. He is the son of a former distinguished pastor of this church. His theme was "The Sin of Unbelief." During the summer two other sons of this church have preached here: Rev. Charles F. Myers, now of Greensboro, N. C., and Rev. Samuel McPheeters Glasgow, who has just taken charge of the church at Charleston, W. Va., from which Mr. Myers has gone to North Carolina. Both of these are sons of elders of the Lexington church.

A. H.

Saxe: Special services have been conducted recently by Rev. A. E. Grover, pastor-elect, in three of the churches, with visible results as follows:

Providence Church: The services were begun on the first Sabbath in August and continued six days. Six were added on profession, all adults, and four of them are heads of different families, and all of the new members came from Methodist and Baptist households. Five others, all heads of families, outside our church, have expressed their intention to unite with us. There had been no additions to this church for a long while, and we are greatly strengthened and encouraged.

Roanoke Church: The following Sabbath he began services in this church and continued for six days. There were fourteen professions of faith and eleven were received. The others will probably come in later. Two male heads of Methodist families have promised to unite with us. One infant was baptised.

Heron Church: The services were begun on the fourth Sabbath in August and continued over the following Sabbath. There were seven professions, all adults except two, and all united with the church. Besides these one was received by letter, and another by statement, from Baptist churches. All of the above were from Methodist and Baptist churches, except the two children, and among them are three heads of families.

ALABAMA.

Auburn: The new building for Auburn is now under construction. A fund of \$7,000 is in hand for this. A new and better site has been secured, and regular services will not be in-

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